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**BROADBAND TASK FORCE
FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M.
CLINTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM
100 EAST STATE STREET, ST. JOHNS, MI 48879**

1	3:00	CALL TO ORDER, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
2	3:02	LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENTS
3	3:05	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4	3:10	BROADBAND UPDATE
5	3:50	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT CALL TO ORDER TIME LISTED. AGENDA ITEM TIMES MAY VARY		

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BROADBAND TASK FORCE
Monday, October 27, 2025

Members Present:

Bruce DeLong, Chairperson
Nicole Fickes
John Fuentes
Todd Campbell
Tammy Ashley
Todd Kruse, Frontier (via conference call)
Kari Dickensen

Staff Present:

Penny Goerge
Craig Thelen
Cindy Moser
Phil Hanses

Members Excused

Scott Koenigskecht

Others Present

Anna Lam, Guidehouse
Peter Klein, RESA
Doug Steffen, Clinton County Road Commission

Items of Business

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Member Ashley moved, seconded by Member Fickes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. **Limited Public Comments:** Broadband Task Force Chairperson DeLong requested limited public comments.
 - Member Ashley briefly discussed some issues in Victor Township and it was noted that Frontier needed to receive more specific details to appropriately follow up with them; Member Ashley will share more details (dates, times, locations, and pictures) with Anna so she can follow up with Frontier.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The April 21, 2025 minutes were presented for review and approval.

Member Fickes moved, seconded by Member Ashley, to approve of the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. **Guidehouse – Broadband Update:** Broadband Task Force Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding Clinton County's Broadband Initiative.
 - Anna Lam from Guidehouse provided an update regarding the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) Grant Program:
 - The members reviewed the project timeline, and it was noted the project is 58% complete with 1,928 locations now "passed" out of 3,297 grant locations with a 16% (314 locations) subscription rate; there will likely be an uptick in the subscription rate as the project moves forward;
 - Todd Kruse from Frontier provided a progress update:
 - There are eight transport projects, four feeder projects, and 21 distribution projects that have been completed; the new service covers much of St. Johns and Elsie;

- Frontier continues to collaborate with Farm Bureau and farmers in addition to navigating the delay in Greenbush Township, and they are addressing the St. Johns gas line damage and permitting along with addressing individual resident inquiries;
- The members were notified that Frontier has received a preliminary award of BEAD funds for an additional 812 broadband serviceable locations; presuming Frontier wins the final award in December, construction timeframe would be 2026-2029;
- The members reviewed a map of current and upcoming areas for service and Ms. Lam reported the highlights of the most recent project shadowing that took place in Ovid and Olive Townships;
- Discussion took place regarding the digital literacy component of the broadband project:
 - Ms. Lam is working with Frontier and Ingham County to stand up a digital literacy curriculum; topics may include:
 - Accessing online education, telehealth, and government social services
 - Cybersecurity (in addition to suggestion from East Olive Community Center, “classes [for parents] supporting their children in internet savviness;
 - Employing technologies for business
 - Internet basics (computer, email, video conferencing)
 - Google Tools (Drive, Docs, Sheets)
 - Job search navigation
 - Frontier will have two digital literacy trainers ready to support deployment of digital literacy sessions;
 - Ms. Lam is currently reaching out to potential community partners to gauge interest in becoming a digital trainer and/or providing the space to host digital training;
 - Member Dickenson will reach out to the Elsie Library, Member Fickes will check with Ovid Township Library, and Peter Klein with RESA will find out if there is an interest with RESA staff in collaborating and building a curriculum at these locations;
- Doug Steffen, Road Commission Director, expressed safety concerns with Frontier’s subcontractors regarding signage and working in the dark; Mr. Steffen will be sure to pass this information on directly to his contacts at Frontier; Todd Kruse acknowledged these concerns and assured the members they will be addressed;
- The next meeting will be scheduled for February to receive further updates from Frontier on project progress.

No action required.

5. **Motion to Adjourn:** Broadband Task Force Chairperson DeLong adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.



Clinton County Broadband Taskforce

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Status Update

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Project Timeline

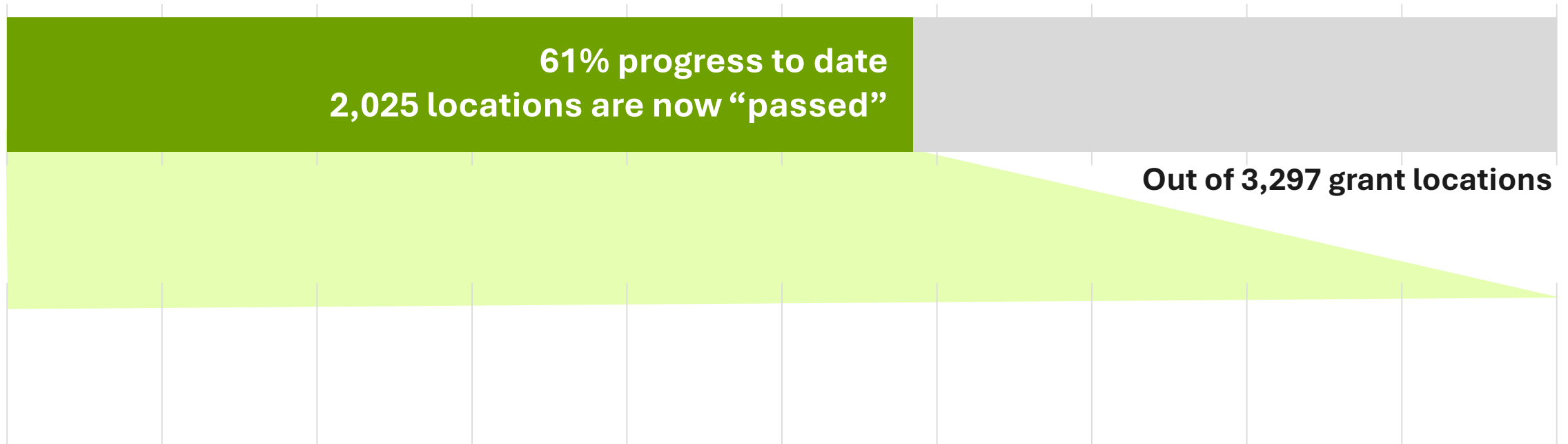
Goal: Deployment of broadband to 3,297 locations across Clinton County in a structured and well-informed manner in partnership with County leadership, Frontier (ISP), and constituents.

Next Broadband Taskforce Meeting: February 23, 2026 at 3pm

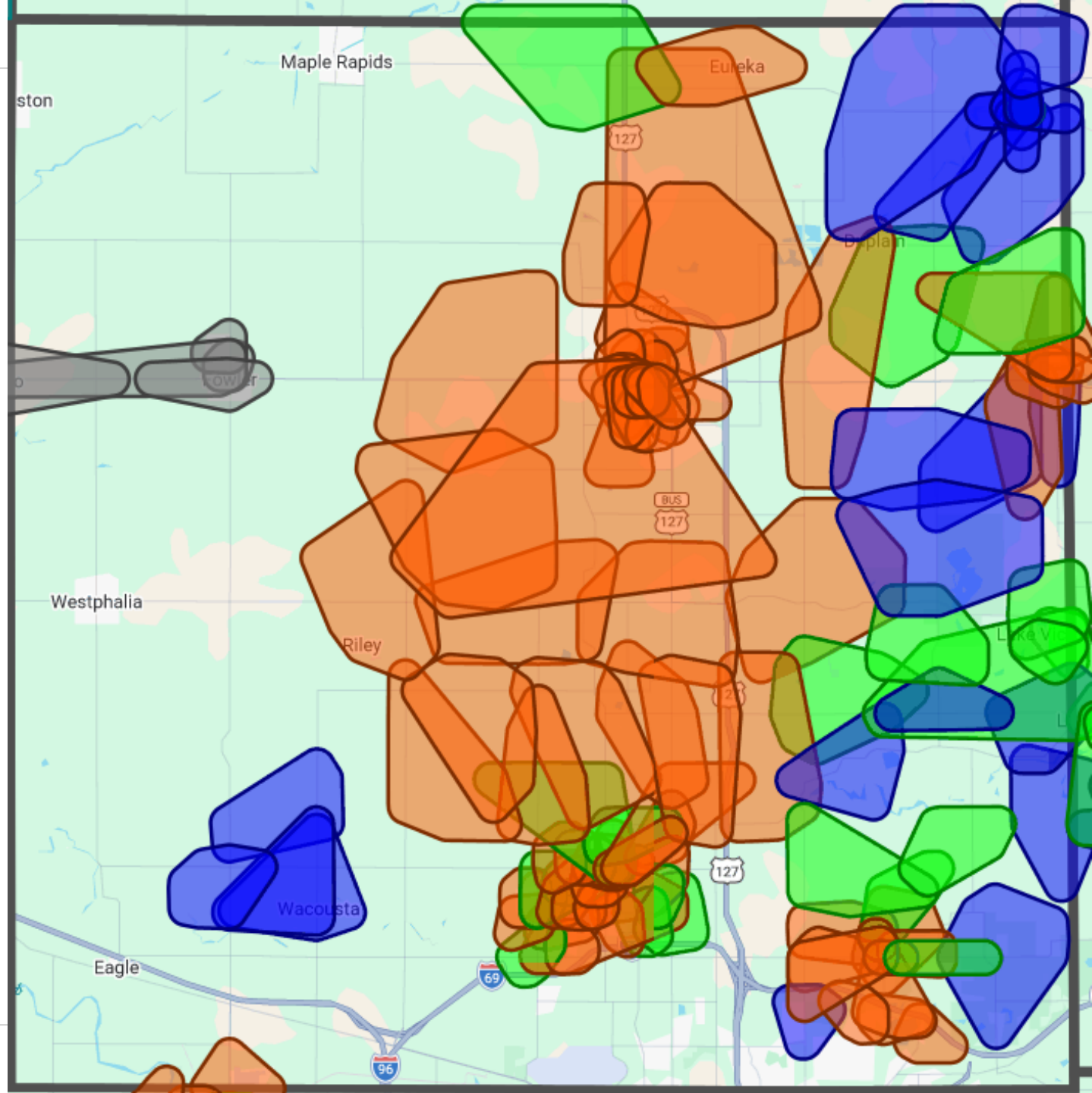
Next Board of Commissioner Meeting: February 24, 2026 at 9am



Progress as of January 2026



Current Frontier Network Map in Clinton County



2025-2026 Broadband Internet Expansion in Clinton County

ROBIN Program in Partnership with Frontier/Verizon

As part of the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) grant program, Clinton County is partnering with Frontier/Verizon to expand access to high-speed fiber internet through new broadband infrastructure deployment. Construction began in January 2025 and is expected to continue through 2026, ultimately providing 3,297 locations across Clinton County with access to reliable, high-speed internet service in unserved and underserved areas.

 **General questions about the ROBIN program: broadbandinfo@clinton-county.org**

 **To check if your address is included in the ROBIN program: View the Service Map linked at www.clinton-county.org/909/Broadband-Initiative**

 **Construction-related issues or concerns, contact Frontier at FTRQACentral@ftr.com**
(Responses are typically provided within 24-48 hours)

Separate from the County-administered ROBIN program, some areas of Clinton County may be served through the state's BEAD program. BEAD projects are **not** administered by Clinton County and will be managed by the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office and awarded providers.



*Approximate timeline as BEAD service providers can complete the work at any time within this given period.

Continued Broadband Internet Expansion in Clinton County

About the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

In addition to the ROBIN-funded project, Clinton County will also benefit from the federal Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, administered in Michigan by the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI). BEAD partners with **multiple internet service providers** to expand access to even more residents. Construction may begin as early as this year (2026) and providers have up to 4 years (2030) to complete construction. Under MIHI’s BEAD awards, **3,043 locations** in Clinton County are expected to receive high-speed internet service through a combination of fiber and Low-Earth-Orbit (LEO) satellite technologies.

Most BEAD-funded locations in Clinton County will receive fiber-to-the-premise service, while LEO satellite technology will be used in limited areas where fiber deployment is not feasible under federal BEAD cost guidelines.

This project is overseen by the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI).

- For inquiries, contact MIHI at www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mihi/contact-us
- To check if your address is a BEAD location, view the Michigan Broadband Map at michiganbroadbandmap.com/map

BEAD Program – Fiber & Satellite (Construction 2026-2030)

Fiber – Internet Service Provider	Locations
Strategic Management / Hexelon	1,583
Frontier/Verizon	765
HomeWorks	265
Daystarr	221
CMS Internet	99
Total Fiber Grant Locations	2,933

Satellite – Internet Service Provider	Locations
SpaceX / Starlink	59
Amazon Kuiper	51
Total Satellite Grant Locations	110

Project Shadowing

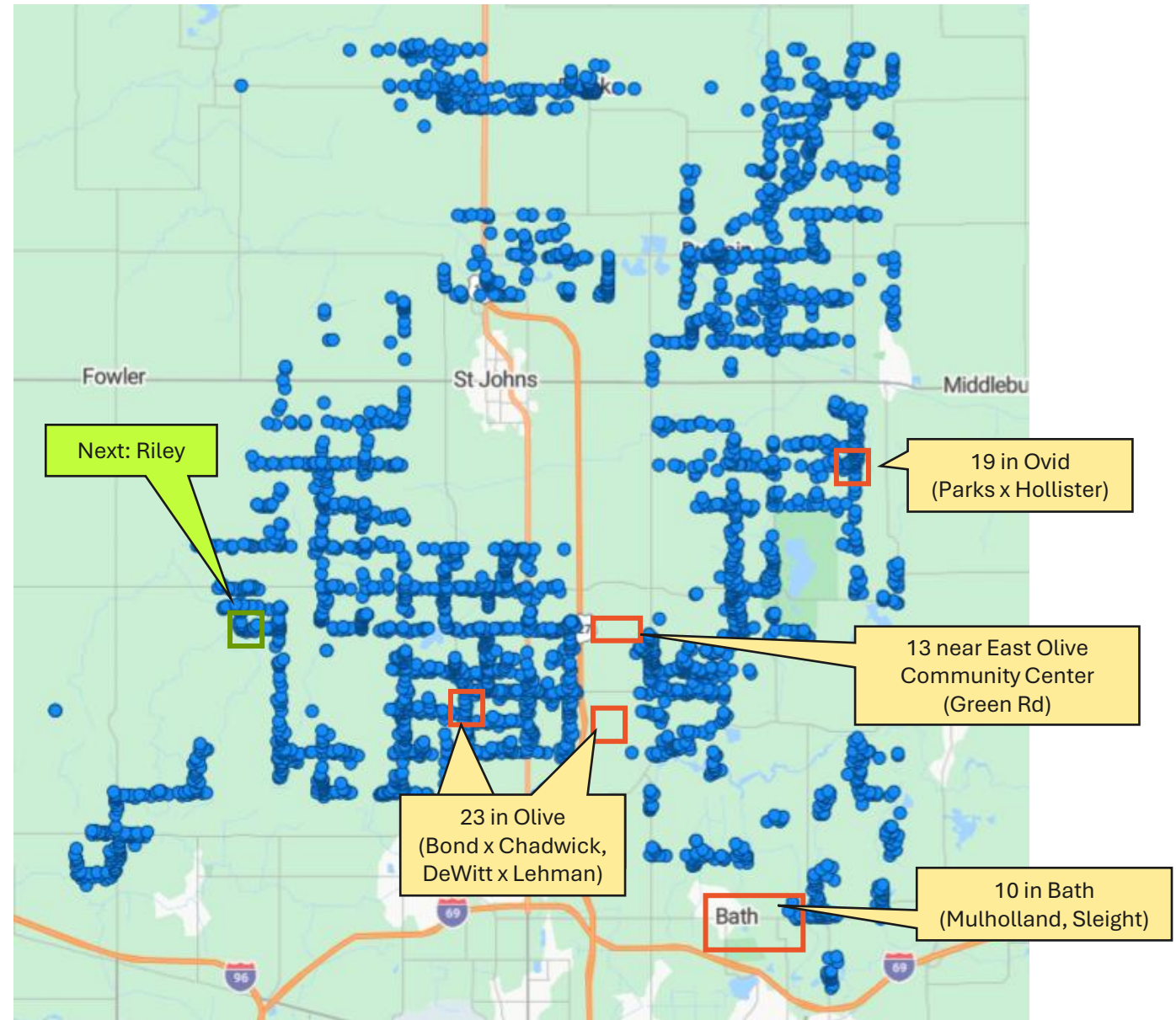
Summary

To date, we have project shadowed 65 locations with a 52% response rate.

Out of those who responded, 40% subscribed or were in the process of subscribing.

Resident Feedback

Most reported little issues and neutral or positive sentiment. Some residents shared experience with challenging installation processes. All feedback to date has been shared with Frontier.



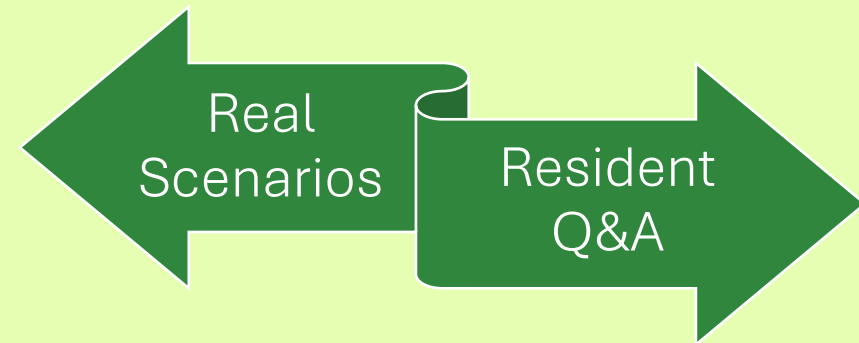
Digital Literacy Sessions (August, November 2026)

Part I – Core Curriculum (30 minutes)

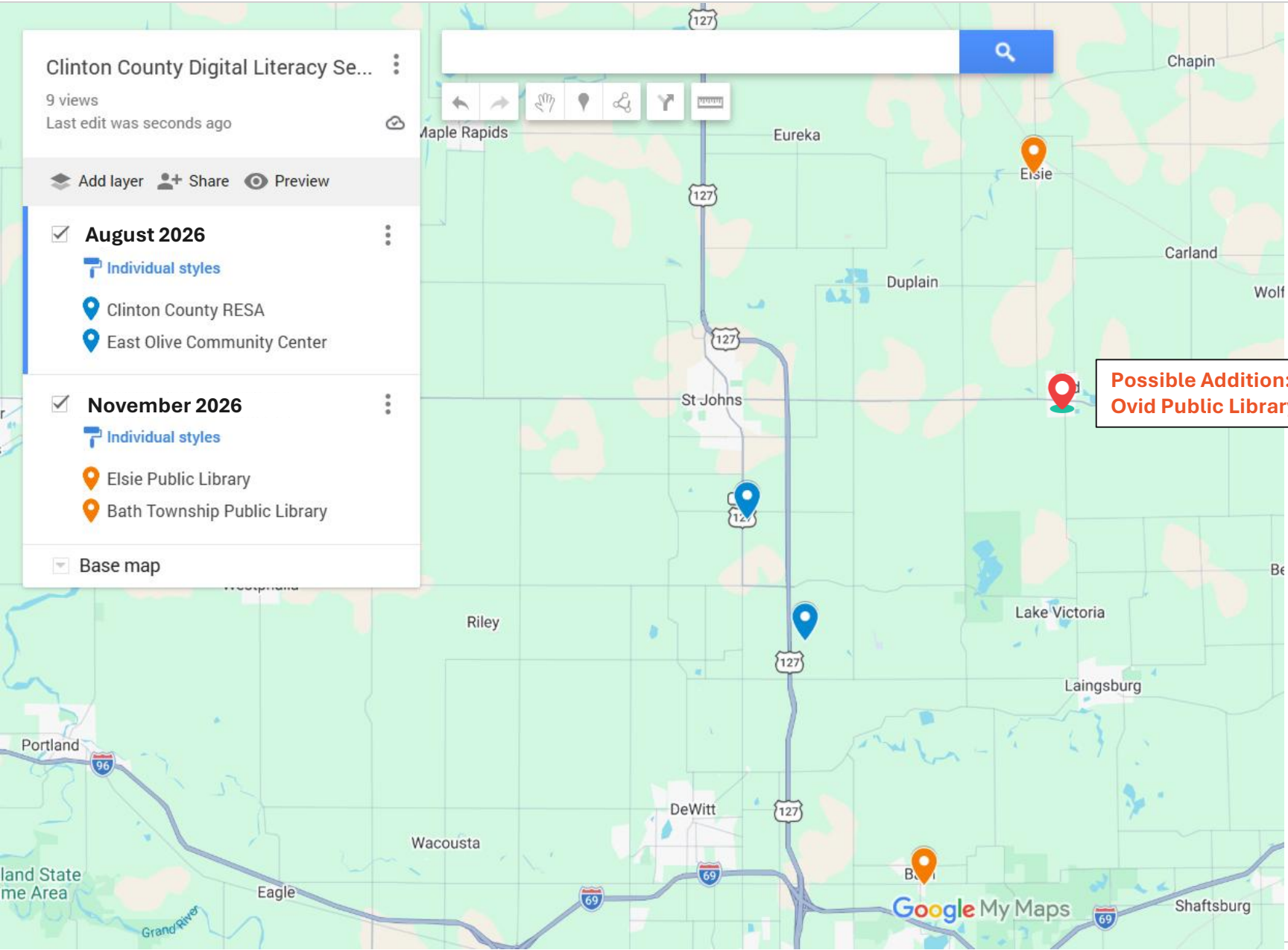
- A. Introductions
- B. Assess familiarity with digital literacy. Assess interests.
- C. Section out into two separate groups: beginner, intermediate
- D. Walk through core curriculum with audience-dependent interest and complexity.



Part II – Open Lab (30 minutes)



- Account setup
- Password resets
- Uploading documents (MI Bridges)
- Email cleanup
- Joining video calls
- Device settings or app downloads





Thank You!

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